WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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- 1. A bar code scanner for reading a bar code pattern, comprising: a housing with an opening formed in the front end thereof;
- a main body including a circuit board, a scanning unit and a scanning window, being mounted in the housing with the scanning window located in the opening;

a case plate covered on the housing; and

a lighting device electrically connected with the circuit board to provide an illumination for reading the bar code pattern.

- 2. The bar code scanner of claim 1, wherein the housing includes a through hole in the front end thereof for the lighting device mounted therein.
 - 3. The bar code scanner of claim 1, wherein the scanning window includes a seat for the lighting device mounted thereon.
- 4. The bar code scanner of claim 3, wherein the seat is a semicircle-shaped groove.
 - 5. The bar code scanner of claim 1, wherein the lighting device is a light emitting diode.
 - 6. The bar code scanner of claim 1, wherein the lighting device has a parallel connection with the scanning unit.
- 7. The bar code scanner of claim 1, further comprising a switch for selectively controlling on/off of the lighting device.